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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hart

Application No.: 09/275,273

Filed: March 23, 1999

For:

Examiner: P. Myers

Art Group: 2181

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

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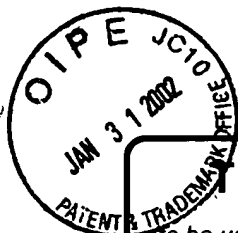
Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed November 6, 2001, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-18 as follows:

- B1
1. (Twice Amended) A circuit comprising:
a primary voltage regulator coupled to an electrical load and to a power supply to provide a first amount of power, the primary voltage regulator to detect power supplied to the electrical load and to control one or more additional voltage regulators; and
a secondary voltage regulator coupled to the electrical load, to the power supply, and to the primary voltage regulator, the secondary voltage regulator to provide a second amount of power, the secondary voltage regulator to provide a signal to the primary voltage regulator to indicate whether the secondary voltage regulator is enabled.



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- Deposit Account Name Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman LLP
- ☒ Charge Any Additional Fee(s) Required Under 37 CFR §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.18 and 1.20.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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- ☐ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
		101	740	201 370 Utility filing fee	
		106	330	206 165 Design filing fee	
		107	510	207 255 Plant filing fee	
		108	740	208 370 Reissue filing fee	
		114	160	214 80 Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
		103	18	203 9 Claims in excess of 20	
		102	84	202 42 Independent claims in excess of 3	
		104	280	204 140 Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid	
		109	84	209 42 **Reissue independent claims over original patent	
		110	18	210 9 **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
		105	130	205 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
		127	50	227 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
		139	130	139 130 Non-English specification	
		147	2,520	147 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
		112	920*	112 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
		113	1,840*	113 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
		115	110	215 55 Extension for reply within first month	
		116	400	216 200 Extension for reply within second month	
		117	920	217 460 Extension for reply within third month	
		118	1,440	218 720 Extension for reply within fourth month	
		128	1,960	228 980 Extension for reply within fifth month	
		119	320	219 160 Notice of Appeal	
		120	320	220 160 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
		121	280	221 140 Request for oral hearing	
		138	1,510	138 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
		140	110	240 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
		141	1,280	241 640 Petition to revive - unintentional	
		142	1,280	242 640 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
		143	460	243 230 Design issue fee	
		144	620	244 310 Plant issue fee	
		122	130	122 130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
		123	50	123 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
		126	180	126 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
		581	40	581 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
		146	740	246 370 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
		149	740	249 370 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
		179	740	279 370 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
		169	900	169 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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